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REMARKS

The application has been reviewed in light of the final Office Action dated January 23, 2008. Claims 1-33 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1, 11, 14 and 24 have been amended to clarify the claimed subject matter, without introducing new matter or new issues. Accordingly, entry of the Amendment is requested. Upon entry of the Amendment, claims 1-33 remain pending, with claims 1, 11, 14 and 24 being in independent form.

Claims 1-36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as purportedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,809,116 to Cairo in view of Chen (US 2002/0094076 A1).

Applicant has carefully considered the Examiner's comments and the cited art, and respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 11, 14 and 24 are patentable over the cited art, for at least the following reasons.

The present application relates to an approach devised by applicant for a facsimile apparatus to selectively provide a communication result notification to indicate a result of a facsimile transmission from the facsimile apparatus. The facsimile apparatus stores destination names of specific destinations in a storage section of the facsimile apparatus, identifies a receiving end by analyzing terminal information received from the receiving end when making a facsimile transmission to the receiving end, searches the storage section for a destination name corresponding to the receiving end to which the facsimile transmission is being made, and outputs a communication result notification indicative of a result of the facsimile transmission only when the corresponding destination name is found in the storage section.

Cairo, as understood by applicant, proposes a facsimile certification service that upon request for such certification service, tunes into, through a local switch, a transmission by an originating telephonic unit via a public switch telephone network to a destination telephonic unit.

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However, as previously pointed out in the record, the primary reference Cairo and is not particularly relevant to the claimed subject matter and moreover does not disclose or suggest (a) storing destination names of specific destinations in a storage section of the facsimile apparatus, (b) searching the storage section for a destination name corresponding to the receiving end to which the facsimile transmission is being made, and (c) outputting a communication result notification indicative of a result of the facsimile transmission *only when the corresponding destination name is found in the storage section.*

In the approach proposed by Cairo, the sender must specify such request for certification service when specifying the facsimile number of the destination.

Chen is also not particularly relevant to the claimed subject matter of the present application

Chen is concerned with identifying the caller of a ringing call, so that the user of a telephonic unit can decide whether to pick-up the call (or terminate it or let it continue to ring).

Chen is not concerned with identifying a receiving end to which a facsimile transmission is being performed.

Chen merely proposes maintaining a list used for matching a caller, but does not disclose or suggest maintaining a list at a facsimile apparatus for matching a called party to which a facsimile transmission is being performed.

In addition, Chen does not involve notifying a result of a transmission, but rather Chen proposes informing the user of the identity of the caller so that the user can decide whether to accept the call at all. Such user is the called party and is not concerned with learning a result of a facsimile transmission.

Chen simply does not disclose or suggest, (a) storing destination names of specific

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destinations in a storage section of the facsimile apparatus, (b) searching the storage section for a destination name corresponding to the receiving end to which the facsimile transmission is being made, and (c) outputting a communication result notification indicative of a result of the facsimile transmission only when the corresponding destination name is found in the storage section.

Since Chen is only concerned with identifying a caller and is neither concerned with identifying a called party nor with concerned with notifying a result of the facsimile transmission, the proposed approach of Chen would not have motivated one skilled in the art to modify the system proposed by Cairo to maintain a list of prospective destinations of facsimile transmission.

As mentioned above, the facsimile certification service proposed by Cairo is selectively invoked by user request on a per-call basis.

Applicant submits that Cairo and Chen, even when considered in view of common sense and common knowledge to one skilled in the art, does not render obvious (a) storing destination names of specific destinations in a storage section of the facsimile apparatus, (b) searching the storage section for a destination name corresponding to the receiving end to which the facsimile transmission is being made, and (c) outputting a communication result notification indicative of a result of the facsimile transmission only when the corresponding destination name is found in the storage section.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 11, 14 and 24, and the claims depending therefrom, are patentable over the cited art.

In view of the remarks hereinabove, Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant earnestly solicits the allowance of the

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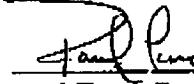
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application.

If a petition for an extension of time is required to make this response timely, this paper should be considered to be such a petition. The Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees that are required in connection with this amendment and to credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

If a telephone interview could advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

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